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Dear Sir:

The Issue Fee was paid on January 27, 2005 for the above-identified patent application. To date, we have not received the Issue Notification. It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Issue Notification from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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